



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Children have a natural desire and propensity to learn and the inalienable right to an education, and it is imperative the society invest in education to adequately support the needs of children and youth; and

**WHEREAS,** Children's mental health is closely linked to their successful learning and development, and schools must apply sound psychological principals to instruction and learning; cultivate children's intellectual, social, and emotional development; meet the needs of culturally diverse student populations; and promote prevention and early intervention; and

**WHEREAS,** Schools must ensure a safe, healthy environments for all children and be able to recognize and respond to their emotional and psychological needs, including those caused by personal or societal crisis; and

**WHEREAS,** Appropriate prevention and early intervention strategies and adequate support services minimize negative outcomes such as academic failure, social emotional difficulties, behavior problems, bullying and school violence, mental health problems, suicide, and dropping out; and

**WHEREAS,** School psychologist are specially trained to help parents and educators identify and reduce risk factors, create effective, caring schools; access helpful community resources; and implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies to foster healthy child development and academic success; and

**WHEREAS,** School psychologists deliver needed mental health services and academic supports in the natural context of school, where children are comfortable and familiar; and it is appropriate that Louisiana recognize the important and vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of Louisiana's children.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim November 1-7, 2004, as

**School Psychology Week**  
in the state of Louisiana.



*Attest By  
The Governor*

*[Signature]*  
*Secretary of State*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 26th day of October  
A.D., 2004.*

*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
*Governor of Louisiana*